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- (1) two or more colored base components having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, wherein at least one of the colored base components is non-film-forming and comprises one or more coloring agents dispersed in a carrier, and
 - (2) one or more uncolored film-forming components, wherein at least one of the uncolored film-forming components is an uncolored film forming component (2a) and (i) has a Dv.99 that is more than 20µm and (ii) has a higher Dv.99 or a higher Dv.50 than the two or more colored base components (1) taken together,

wherein, the ratio of colored base components to one or more uncolored film-forming components in the powder coating composition is from 1:99 to 60:40 by weight.

2. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 10% by weight of components (1) and (2).

3. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein there is no more than 30% by weight, calculated on the weight of the total of components (1) and (2), of the one or more uncolored film-forming components having a Dv.99 (i) that is no higher than the Dv.99 of the colored base components taken together and (ii) that is less than 20µm.

4. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising composite powder particles that are an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together into composite particles, wherein the individual particulate components comprise

- (1) two or more colored film-forming base components each having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, wherein at least one of the colored film forming base components is non-film-forming and comprises one or more coloring agents dispersed in a carrier in an amount of from 1 to 60% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2), and

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cont (2)(a) one or more uncolored film-forming components each having a Dv.99 of more than 20 μ m and each having a higher Dv.99 and/or a higher Dv.50 than the colored base components (1) taken together, in an amount of from 10 to 99% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2), and, optionally,

(b) one or more second uncolored film-forming components, in an amount of up to 30% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

5. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 1, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of no more than 90 μ m.

6. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 1[, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 30 μ m.

7. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 6, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 35 μ m.

8. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 7, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 40 μ m.

9. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 1, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.90 of at least 14 μ m.

10. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 9, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.90 of at least 18 μ m.

11. (Amended) The powder coating composition [as claimed in any one] of claims 1, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.90 of no more than 75 μ m.

12. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 8, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 in the range of from 50 to 65 μ m.

13. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.50 in the range of from 5 to 45 μ m.

14. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 13, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.50 of at least 8 μ m.

15. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 14, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.99 of at least 40 μ m and a Dv.50 of at least 10 μ m

16. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 14, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) has a Dv.50 in the range of from 12 to 30 μ m.

17. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the colored film-forming base components have a Dv.99 in the range of from 6 to 25 μ m.

18. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the colored base components have a Dv.50 of no more than 18 μ m.

19. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 18, wherein the colored base components have a Dv.50 of no more than 15 μ m.

20. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 19, wherein the colored base components have a Dv.50 in the range of from 2 to 12 μ m.

21. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the colored base components contain from 5 to 75 weight % of pigment, calculated on the total weight of the colored base components.

22. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 1, wherein the colored base components contain from 0.5 to 50 weight % of pigment, calculated on the total weight of the composition.

23. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the colored base components comprises at least one colored film-forming component that is compatible with the colored non-film-forming base component(s).

24. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 23, wherein at least one of the uncolored film-forming components (2) is compatible with the colored base components (1) during film-formation.

25. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 23, wherein at least one of the uncolored film-forming components is incompatible with the colored base component(s) (1) or becomes incompatible therewith during film-formation.

26. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein at least one of the two or more colored film-forming components comprises a polyester.

27. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, comprising two uncolored film-forming components, wherein one of the uncolored film forming components is compatible with the colored base components and one of the uncolored film forming components is incompatible with or becomes incompatible during film-formation with the colored base components.

28. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more uncolored film-forming components comprises a polyester.

29. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 28, wherein each of the uncolored film-forming components comprises a polyester and the polyesters differ in functionality.

30. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 26, comprising two polyester film-forming components containing different curing agents, wherein one of the curing agents is an epoxy curing agent or a co-reactable epoxy resin.

31. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 4, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming component (2) is an agglomerate of an uncolored film-forming component fused or bonded with a non-film-forming component to form composite particles.

32. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 31, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming component (2) further comprises a texturing additive agglomerated with the uncolored film-forming component.

33. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 31, wherein the agglomerated uncolored film-forming component (2) further comprises mica.

34. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 1, wherein the ratio of the two or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 50:50 by weight.

35. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 34, wherein the ratio of the two or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 40:60 by weight.

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36. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 35, wherein the ratio of the two or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 30:70 by weight.

37. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the two or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) is in the range of from 5:95 to 30:70.

38. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) are present in an amount of at least 50% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

39. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 38, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) are present in an amount of at least 60% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

40. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 39, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) are present in an amount of at least 70% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

41. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 2, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 20% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

42. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 41, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 30% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

43. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 42, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 40% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

44. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 43, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 50% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

45. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 44, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 60% by weight of the total of components (1) and (2).

46. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claims 1, wherein there is no more than 15% by weight, calculated on the weight of components (1) and (2), of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2b).

47. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the individual particulate components of the agglomerate further comprise one or more other non-film-forming components.

48. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the individual particulate components of the agglomerate further comprise a texturing agent.

49. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 47, wherein the one or more other non-film-forming components constitute up to 50% by weight of the total particulate components of the composition.

50. (Amended) A kit for the preparation of powder coatings in a number of different colors comprising:

a plurality of colored base components, each with a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, wherein at least one of the colored base components is non-film-forming and comprises one or more coloring agents dispersed in a carrier, and

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one or more uncolored film-forming components each having a higher Dv.99 or a higher Dv.50 than the colored base components and a Dv.99 that is greater than 20µm.

51. (Amended) The kit of claim 50, wherein at least one of the uncolored film-forming components has a Dv.99 of no more than 90µm.

52. (Amended) The kit of claim 50, comprising at least 7 differently colored base components.

53. (Amended) The kit of claim 50 comprising an uncolored film-forming component that is compatible during film-formation with the colored base components and an uncolored film-forming component that is incompatible with the colored base components or that becomes incompatible with the colored base components during film-formation.

54. (Amended) A kit for the preparation of powder coatings in a number of different colors comprising:

at least 7 differently colored base components, at least one of which is non-film-forming and comprises one or more colouring agents dispersed in a suitable carrier, an uncolored film-forming component that is compatible with the colored base components and remains compatible during film-formation and having a Dv.99 of more than 20µm but not more than 90µm, and an uncolored film-forming component that is incompatible with the colored base components or that becomes incompatible with the colored base components during film-formation and having a Dv.99 of more than 20µm but not more than 90µm.

55. (Amended) The kit of claim 54, further comprising means for comminution of the colored base components to a powder having Dv.99 of not more than 30µm.

56. (Amended) The kit of claim 50 wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components are present in an amount of at least 10% by weight of the two or more colored base components and one or more uncolored film-forming components.

57. (Amended) The kit of claim 50 comprising at least 3 uncolored film-forming components.

58. (Amended) The kit of claim 50, further comprising means for agglomerating the components to produce a fluidisable powder.

59. (Amended) A process for preparing the powder coating composition of claims 1, comprising providing the two or more colored base components (1) and the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) to provide a mixture of components and mixing and agglomerating the mixture of components into composite particles, wherein the composite particles are air-fluidisable and can be applied to a substrate by electrostatic spray.

60. (Amended) A process for preparing the powder coating composition of claim 1 from a kit comprising a plurality of differently colored base components, wherein at least one of the colored base components is non-film-forming and comprises one or more coloring coloring agents dispersed in a carrier, and one or more uncolored film-forming components having a Dv.99 of more than 40µm, which comprises comminuting at least two of the colored base components to provide powders having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, and mixing and agglomerating the two or more comminuted colored base components and at least one of the uncolored film-forming components to form composite particles, wherein the composite particles are air-fluidisable and can be applied to a substrate by electrostatic spray.

61. (Amended) A powder coating composition prepared by the process of claim 59.

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62. (Amended) A process for forming a coating on a substrate, comprising applying the agglomerated composition of claim 1 to a substrate and heating the applied composition to form a continuous coating.

63. (Amended) A substrate coated by the process of claim 62.

64. (Amended) A powder coating composition, comprising an agglomerate of individual particulate components that are fused or bonded together into composite particles, wherein the individual particulate components comprise a first film-forming component, a colored non-film-forming base component having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm and comprising one or more colouring agents dispersed in a suitable carrier, and optionally one or more other components selected from film-forming and non-film-forming components.

65. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 64, wherein the first film-forming component is uncolored.

66. (Amended) The powder coating composition of claim 65, wherein the uncolored film-forming component has a Dv.99 that is more than 20µm and no not more than 90µm and is higher than the Dv.99 of the colored non-film-forming base component.

67. (Amended) A powder coating composition, comprising an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together into composite particles, wherein the individual particulate components comprise:

- (i) at least one colored non-film-forming base component, wherein the at least one colored film forming base component has a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm and comprises one or more coloring agents dispersed in a carrier, and
- (ii) an uncolored film-forming component compatible with component (i), wherein the uncolored film forming component has a Dv.99 that is more than 20µm and not more than 90µm, and is higher than the Dv.99 of the at least one colored non-film-forming base component (i), and, optionally,